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Christian Brothers Abroad: Men "of the World"

Two months before his brutal murder in Huehuetenango, Guatemala, 38-year-old Brother James Miller, F.S.C., sent a poignant Christmas letter to friends and relatives. Having recovered from surgery in the fall of 1981, he was planning his return to a country he describes as "reaching appalling proportions of murders, tortures, kidnapping, and threats." Authorities are persecuting the Church, he wrote, because it has opted for the poor and oppressed. Numerous priests, religious, and lay catechists had lost their lives. Friends and relatives, he said, were urging him to stay in the United States. Nevertheless, convinced that "God continues to call

me to Guatemala," Br. James returned.

Six weeks later, hired assassins killed him in cold blood. The message to the Brothers was clear: back off from educating the indigenous population, the majority but oppressed pop-

ulation of Guatemala. Yes, the message was clear—but it went unheeded.

People today ask why United States Brothers remain at Bethlehem University living in uncertainty, stress, and danger as they educate young Palestinians who have never known anything but "occupation." Others wonder about the 80-year-old Brother who has worked for years with adult drug addicts in Pakistan, a country where Christians are often the poorest of the poor and discriminated against for their religious beliefs.

Not all Brothers serving overseas live in such dramatic situations. But they do exercise their ministry among peoples of other nations, cultures, ethnic heritages, and often languages. Their standard of living is strikingly different from that which could be theirs in the United States. In recent years, U.S. Brothers have served in the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Cuba, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Bolivia, Palestine, and Poland—and that list is probably not complete.

These Brothers have responded to what they have experienced as God's call. They don't claim to be better than

Brothers who have heard a different call. Rather, they are convinced that this extraordinary service is right for them. A number of Brothers have spent nearly all their apostolic years abroad; others have served for shorter periods.


Many times people have asked me why Brothers go overseas when there are so many needs in the United States. It is true there are many needs. Nevertheless, it is also true that what we offer in the United States is often an alternative, one that we believe is superior to what others are offering. When we open a school in economically poor regions of the world, however, we are not proposing an alternative! On the contrary, we are providing an educational opportunity that would not exist otherwise.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle was concerned primarily with reaching young people he described as "poor, abandoned, and far from salvation," young people lacking opportunities for education. That concern has motivated Brothers in the past, and continues to motivate them today.

Today, Christian Brothers serve in 80 countries. How did they reach these countries? The answer is obvious. Brothers experienced the call to serve in a foreign land. They arrived, promoted local vocations, and in many areas, eventually made themselves redundant. Such is the history of the Brothers in the United States. We began in Baltimore with the help of French and Canadian Brothers. Without that help, La Salle University would not exist today.

Today, six United States Americans serve at our international headquarters in Rome. I had the privilege of living this special overseas ministry for 24 years—10 as Vicar General, 14 as Superior General. I spent five to six months a year in visits to Lasallian students and teachers throughout the world. That international experience changed me for life. I now "think" internationally. Quite spontaneously, I "see, judge, and act" from a global perspective. I realize that I am "different." But I believe that this "difference" is a richness that I wish everyone had.

That belief leads me to urge students and teachers to take advantage of educational and service opportunities abroad. In a world growing smaller but unfortunately more divided by the day, Lasallian education should help young people become men and women "of the world."

Brother John C. Johnston, F.S.C., is the Regional Director of Education for the U.S./Toronto Region of the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Previously, he served as Vicar General (1976-86) and Superior General (1986-2000) at the Brothers International Headquarters in Rome. He is a member of La Salle University's Board of Trustees. 



Br. John is greeted by middle school students during a trip to Chile in the mid-80s.



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La Salle University's INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IS TAKING OFF

By Kimberly Dugan

In the coming years, having a global education will not be an option—it will be a necessity.

La Salle University has recognized this imperative and is expanding Travel Study and Study Abroad programs to address two goals: ensuring that students maintain a competitive edge and develop an international perspective; and reinforcing the Lasallian mission to help students liberate themselves from narrow interests, prejudices, and perspectives.

"Employers are beginning to look at candidates' international experiences more than their internship experiences," said Brandyn Muller, M.A. '03, an International Education Coordinator at La Salle. "Travel Study and Study Abroad offer academic growth, but also a unique personal growth. Examining another culture first-hand allows students to see the differences and similarities between another culture and their own, and it challenges them to examine their own way of life more critically."

Travel Study is a course-oriented travel opportunity that prepares students for a journey to an international location. During a semester, students learn about their destination's culture, history, and religion, and

then get to experience them up-close.

Robert Vogel, Ed.D., Professor of Education, has taught Travel Study courses for the past four years. Some of his destinations have included Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria, and most recently, Spain.

"I became involved in teaching Travel Study because I realized that students had limited—if any—international travel experience and therefore, there is a gap in truly understanding and being tolerant of different cultures. Developing cultural understanding is critical to a liberal arts education," Vogel said.

"The core concept is understanding others," he continued. "We do some traditional sight-seeing when we travel, but there is a much greater emphasis on meeting people, having conversations, and immersing yourself into their culture. We schedule meetings with political and religious leaders, and we spend time visiting

schools and talking to students as young as elementary school up to college-age.

"It is about human contact because the people are the heartbeat of a country's culture," Vogel said. "This is what leads to understanding others."

Vogel's most recent trip to Barcelona, Spain was arranged rather quickly to make up for a planned trip to Turkey, which was cancelled due to the current political situation.

"It's ironic: We are trying to encourage these travel courses because of the current world conflicts, but we are being forced to cancel trips for the same reason," he said.

In addition to Travel Study, the Study Abroad Program offers students the chance to live and go to school in a foreign country for an entire semester. La Salle began its first cooperative agreement with two universities, one in Rome and the other in Galway, in the fall of 2002. In the past,

bers. Classes are taught in a more European style with larger lecture halls. Each year, almost 1,000 international students from 40 different countries attend NUI, giving La Salle students exposure to a wide variety of cultures.

"After four months abroad, the students return more mature and more self-confident," said Julie Valenti, Assistant Dean for the School of Arts and Sciences and Study Abroad Advisor. "The experience enhances their life skills, and most say it is a life-changing experience. They learn what it means to be American by reflecting on their culture through the eyes of another."

Every student at La Salle regardless of major has the chance to explore Travel Study and Study Abroad opportunities, but there are some majors that have international travel prospects unique to their own program.

Nursing students have the chance to participate in the International Association for Human Caring Conference held every year in both international and domestic locations. Two years ago, La Salle students journeyed to Scotland to be a part of the event.

"Nurses from all over the world attend this conference," said Zane Wolf, R.N., Dean of the School of Nursing. "Nurses from Russia, Japan, Indonesia, Scandinavia—the list goes on. And we are able to discuss our research and approaches to the science of human caring."

Graduate students in the M.B.A. program have the chance to be a part of the Euro-Seminar, which La Salle participates in every year. In Spring 2003, students traveled to Germany, Italy, and Switzerland to directly view international business practices.

"In today's economy, it is necessary to understand global business," said Joseph Ugras, Ph.D.,

students would have to sign up for studying in those locations through programs at other local universities. Now, they remain La Salle students while attending.

American University in Rome (AUR) is similar to La Salle's setting. It is a small, private institution, where faculty and students have a great deal of interaction. About half of the students who attend are American and the other half are international; La Salle's students are able to adjust to their surroundings with fellow Americans, while interacting with students from all parts of the world.

National University of Ireland, Galway (NUI) is much larger than La Salle with more than 11,000 students and 1,000 staff mem-



Professor of Education Preston Feden, Ed.D., takes students on a tour of Francisco Franco's Tomb at the Valley of the Fallen during his Travel Study course to Madrid, Spain, in March.

Associate Dean of the School of Business. "These trips help students gain perspective on how international business operates and how they can become involved."

La Salle already has several Travel Study courses planned for the 2003-04 academic year. Turkey and Greece are only two of the places that students will be able to visit. Students are also in the process of preparing to study abroad at both AUR and NIU for the Fall 2003 semester. In addition, the Study Abroad Program is looking to expand its global partnerships with other universities so that students will be able to study abroad through La Salle in a variety of other countries.

Some students may feel intimidated to go to another country, but Muller urges students to challenge themselves to see the world.

"This type of international travel is unique to your college years, and it is an incredible life and educational lesson. Anyone who has even the slightest interest in Travel Study or Study Abroad should look into it because it opens your eyes to other worlds," Muller said. **U**



Professor of Education Robert Vogel, Ed.D., tours an area of urban renewal in the Gothic Quarter of Barcelona, Spain, with his Travel Study class in March.

Bringing the World to La Salle

By Caitlin Murray

For the first time in generations, many Americans are paying close attention to our relationship with the rest of the world.

Realizing that education is the basis for global understanding, La Salle administrators have taken steps to make international recruitment a priority.

"International education is very important and will become an even more important part of education," said Taya Abrahamian, M.B.A. '93, an International Education Coordinator in La Salle's Multicultural and International Center. "We live in a global community. We're expanding and learning more about other cultures and perspectives. Not only do the students who come here to study learn new things, they're also adding value to our campus. We're learning from each other and that's the most important thing."

As of this past spring semester, a total of 107 international students—44 undergraduate and 63 graduate—were enrolled at the University. They're from 33 different countries across the globe—Argentina, Bosnia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Poland, Turkey, and Yugoslavia, just to name a few.

Of the 63 international graduate students, 58 of them are in La Salle's new Full-Time M.B.A. Program, which was launched last year. Another factor that contributes to international population growth is the recently-established presence of an international undergraduate recruiter.

"Before then, a prospective student would call from Ghana, for instance, and whoever answered the phone in Admission would ask who was available to help him or her," said Erick Hyde, '00, Coordinator of International

Admission and Assistant Dean of Admission. "There just weren't as many interested international students as there are now, and no one on staff was designated to recruit them."

Hyde said the Admission Office has seen a steady rise in the number of applications from international students over the years. In 1998, for example, 45 international students applied for undergraduate admission to La Salle. Close to 120 applied this year.

This could be attributed in part to the overseas trips Hyde and the international recruiter who preceded him have made. Last September, Hyde journeyed to Asia for 15 days, visiting schools in South Korea, China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Thailand, and Singapore as part of a traveling college fair. He was with representatives from Purdue, Pepperdine, Bucknell, and the University of Miami, among others.

"It was pretty impressive to see La Salle being put on the same level as some of the heavy hitters," said Hyde.

Joseph Ugras, Ph.D., Associate Dean of the School of Business, and Elizabeth Scofield, Director of International Programs, recruit international graduate students at various fairs with other highly regarded M.B.A. programs.

Ugras said La Salle's AACSB International accreditation and its



Philadelphia location are very attractive to his recruits. "Carrying the La Salle name has also helped us during the first year of this new program," he said. "Many prospective students are familiar with La Salle's dedication to educating the individual because of the established Christian Brother institutions in many of the countries where we recruit."

Hyde said small class sizes, personal attention, and accessibility to a big city are very appealing to his recruits.

Cecile Van Oppen, a native of the Netherlands, applied to several schools in the United States, including Harvard and Boston University. She chose La Salle for its size and friendly atmosphere.

"I enjoy the class sizes because every student gets personal attention, which is important to me, coming from a high school class of 11 students. I enjoy the fact that I can meet new people every year, but that I also know people wherever I go on campus," said Van Oppen, a political science/economics and international studies double major

who is about to enter her senior year. She hopes to continue her studies in England after graduation and wants to work for a non-governmental organization or the United Nations.

"When international students come here, they don't only learn about the culture of the United States, they take that knowledge back to their countries after graduation," Abrahamian said. "Most of them go on to hold important positions in their countries. Suppose one of them becomes a prime minister or someone prominent in government, for example. They can take the positive things they have learned about our government and culture to educate their people. That is what I mean

when I talk about global education or a global community. We're learning from each other—about different cultures, values, and perspectives."

After the recruitment process is over and international students arrive on campus, the University still works to help them in all aspects of their education. An International Education Management Team was recently assembled to oversee issues related to international education that cross traditional department lines. Charged by Provost Richard Nigro, Ph.D., and Vice President for Enrollment Services Raymond Ricci, the team is made up of representatives from various academic and administrative

departments on campus. Members meet regularly to discuss all dimensions of international education, including recruitment, student services, Study Abroad and Travel Study, and community service projects.

"It's always difficult to go to a strange country away from your family and friends. Just knowing that a drastic change is ahead of you can be exciting and scary at the same time. That's why we try so hard to make it easier for them, to assure them that we are here to help," said Abrahamian, a member of the team. "And when we help students and see how appreciative they are, that just makes my day." ■

Three Amigas

By Raysa Francis, '03

Even during their worst times, and there were many, these three friends—Miosotis Adorno, Maria Lozada, and Zahira Soto—stuck together to overcome adversity, and, ultimately, graduate from La Salle this May with bachelor's degrees in social work.

The three women are originally from Puerto Rico and met while working at Congreso de Latinos Unidos (a Latino social service agency). Together, they attended the evening program at La Salle. As full-time social workers, they all say their goal in life is to help others and give hope to those in need.

They started their educational journey through BUSCA, an associate degree program at La Salle where Latino students can learn in their first language—Spanish—while mastering English.

Soto began the program as a 37-year-old single mother of two. When her

son was diagnosed with leukemia last year, she wasn't sure if she could continue.

"I was overwhelmed, furious, and depressed. I was going to drop out of school because I just could not handle the pressure," she said. "But Maria and Miosotis stayed by my side, and I felt that I could not disappoint them, so I stayed."

Today, Soto works with people who have contracted HIV as an early interventions counselor for Congreso.

Lozada left a violent husband behind to bring her children to the U.S. Now a case manager at Congreso, she assists people with HIV. "I am

devoted to empower these people by getting them food, housing, insurance, and counseling to make them understand that they can have a normal life with their medical condition," she said.

The third member of this trio, Adorno, lost her father when she first started out at La Salle. She was so depressed that she nearly dropped out of school, but her two friends convinced her to stick it out. "They told me that's what my father would have wanted." She knew they were right. She will now use her degree to help children with problems at school and at home.

Raysa Francis, '03, earned a Master of Arts in Professional Communication from La Salle in May. She is a native of the Dominican Republic. ■



(From left) Zahira Soto, '03, Miosotis Adorno, '03, and Maria Lozada, '03. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Midberry/Philadelphia Daily News.

Out of the Comfort Zone

By Melissa Mazur, '03

Melissa Mazur, '03, wrote the following article after returning from a Travel Study class to Spain this spring.

Over this year's spring break, a La Salle Travel Study class gave new meaning to being Explorers.

Sixteen students went to Madrid, Spain, to play the role of educational psychologists and anthropologists: making unbiased observations of the culture and education to help them answer the question, "Do schools reflect their culture, or do they shape it?"

Before leaving, the students got some basics in how to be good social scientists, receiving instruction in learning and cultural theories, and reading about educational systems that could guide their observations and conclusions.

Also, they took part in exercises that could help them observe in a more unbiased manner.

"I have noticed that I now pay attention to more things," said Lindsay DeMuth, '04. "I seem to better perceive things that I do, and things that others do, and the effects they have on our culture."

This trip was a Travel Study course called, The Cultural Context of Learning: Spain. It was led by Professor of Education Preston Feden, Ed.D., and co-taught by Frank Mosca, Ph.D., also of the Education Department.

"Much of what we learn is not learned in school," Feden said. "Virtually everything we learn is influenced by the context in which it is learned. The largest social context is the culture in which we live."

In addition, the students tried to get a holistic idea of the Spanish culture by examining it from different viewpoints. They looked at culture from a tradi-

tional view by attending a bullfight and flamenco show; an artistic view by examining the work of painters such as Goya, Velasquez, and Picasso in The Prado and the Reina Sofia Museums; and a historical view by touring places such as the Palacio Real, El Escorial, and Francisco Franco's The Valley of the Fallen.

In Madrid, the class visited Nuestra Señora de Las Maravillas School, founded and run by the Christian Brothers. They not only observed classes in which English was being taught by Las Maravillas teachers, but they also taught lessons and led discussions on preconceived notions of America and Spain. After explaining their views on America, the La Salle group and the Spanish students had a lively discussion.

There was daily interaction between the La Salle students and their teachers, and seminars were held every evening. These sessions, students said, enabled them to develop problem-solving, observational, and analytical skills. The sessions helped them interpret what they were experiencing while in Madrid, in light of the course concepts.

Feden's approach for the course came from his background in special education. From his research, he realized that children with disabilities are not so dissimilar to non-disabled children when it comes to learning. The techniques used in teaching one group could be used with the other. Feden found that the same idea could be applied across cultures.


"One of my main purposes in this course was to get students out of their comfort zones, to meet other people seemingly different from them, so that they could realize the commonalities we all share as human beings, while simultaneously understand-



(From left) Jessica Dischley, '04, Amanda Banes, '04, Bridget Lilly, '04, and Rachel Kramer, '04, teach students at Las Maravillas, a Christian Brothers School in Madrid, during a Travel Study course.

ing, appreciating, and even valuing the differences that exist among various cultures," Feden said.

Kelly Strobel, '05, found this to be true. "By being able to have the opportunity to experience this, I learned so much more about my own culture and why we do the things we do," she said. "It is practically impossible to analyze and experience a different culture without being forced to then analyze one's own."

This course was one of the first offerings of the newly created minor in Leadership and Global Understanding. Courses in this minor include a service-learning element, so students prepared projects to demonstrate what they learned to a larger community. One group produced a documentary about the trip that has aired on La Salle's television station, Channel 56. Another developed a temporary Web site that eventually will be made permanent on Dr. Feden's Web page. 

A Little New, A Little Old as La Salle Reaches Out to the Czech Republic

By Michael Smith, Ph.D.

As any experienced teacher will tell you, the first day of every semester is a white-knuckled, stomach-churning, nerve-wracking occasion. The newness of each term invokes these fears; new students bring a new dynamic to even the most familiar courses. Each semester brings its own new challenges.

When I stepped off the plane in Prague to teach the first class offered in the Master's in Professional Communication and Public Relations Program, a new culture and a new program compounded the "newness queasiness quotient." Discussions with people at La Salle's partner institution, the University of New York-Prague, led me to expect students who were quiet and taciturn, yet eager to learn from American instructors.

I was comforted as I entered the classroom for the first evening's session. The classroom resembled those at La Salle's Bucks County Center: long tables and chairs, white board, Power Point. As the first group of students sauntered into the classroom, they looked like my U.S. graduate students: dressed in casual attire; nervous, new student faces; tired looking eyes from working all day before coming to class.

I made other pleasant discoveries as class progressed. The world experience of this group was deep and varied. One student had studied and worked in England for

several years. She now is a communication manager for a major Czech telecommunication firm. Her perspective on Czech organizations and business communication was invaluable during class discussions. Another student is a radio reporter who currently works for Radio Free Europe. He lived in his native Kazakhstan through the dissolution of the Soviet Union and was covering the struggles that country is still experiencing. Another student had interned for one of the better-known public relations agencies in Eastern Europe. The agency is noted not only for the quality of its practice, but also for the fact that it is headed by a well-known scholar of public relations, whose work had been published widely in the U.S. and Europe.

These students were keen observers of the transformations that Europe is experiencing, and were able to help me understand them better. They helped me understand the local media markets, told me about the best places to eat, and provided me with informal Czech lessons. *Dobry den* means "good day," for example. They were chatty, witty, and vibrant.

Despite all these new experi-

ences, some things were familiar. The students struggle with balancing work, family, and graduate courses. They complained about the cost of education. And they wondered if they could make it as graduate students.

Happily, like the best Lasallian experiences, my first course in Prague proved to be a fortunate meeting of teacher and students, new and old, with both learning from each other. I look forward to my next trip, when I can expand my Czech vocabulary, learn more about the Czech P.R. scene, and deepen the well that feeds my teaching experience.



Michael Smith, Ph.D., is the Director of La Salle's new Graduate Program in Professional Communication and Public Relations in Prague.

The Call of Duty

Even in a time of war, education still goes on.

On June 6, an officer from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., came to campus to present La Salle's School of Nursing with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Jody Austin, '04, a part-time L.P.N. to B.S.N. student who is stationed in the Middle East. By connecting with her superior officers, La Salle professors have enabled Austin to take exams and

complete other required coursework for the two classes she was enrolled in this past semester.

Many other La Salle students and alumni are serving our country in all branches of the military. The following are the names of our student nurses who are currently stationed in the Middle East: Bertha Jackson, M.S.N., '05; Tynetta Heath, B.S.N., '04; and Derrick Dash, B.S.N., '04.

Expanding the Opportunities

By Jon Caroulis

As an African-American living in the United States, Joanna McClinton, '03, thought she knew what it meant to live as a minority. That is, until she went to Eastern Europe three years ago.

"I thought it was very tough being a minority in America, but it was another thing to go to Poland and the Czech Republic, because our whole (Travel Study) class became a minority," McClinton said. "No one spoke Polish or Czech, and it was an eye-opening experience."

This is the type of reaction that Robert Vogel, Ed.D., Marjorie Allen, Ph.D., and Louise Giugliano hope happens more often to La Salle students. The three have designed and will administer La Salle's new minor in Leadership and Global Understanding.

During a Travel Study class to Europe three years ago, Vogel, a professor of Education, realized La Salle needed to expand its international educational opportunities. He wanted to provide unique and challenging experiences that exposed students to cultures other than their own.

"I was doing my first Travel Study course in Spain with 40 students, and what really struck me was the naïveté of the students towards the world around them," Vogel said.



(From left) Marilyn Vogel, wife of Education Professor Robert Vogel; Joanna McClinton, '03; Rabbi Dr. Steven Doman, Chief Rabbi of Hungary; Sarah Brown, '03; and Stephen Martin, '03, in 2002. The students and their hosts were on a spring break trip to Eastern Europe.

"They just didn't understand different cultures, different lands, different people—they have never traveled. It really struck me that teaching our students about the world and understanding others is something that has to become very important in what we do at La Salle."

Allen, a professor of English, said, "There are many universities and colleges offering programs on preparing students to become involved citizens within their community, but we felt they did not have enough emphasis on students taking charge of their own learning in which they apply knowledge and solve problems through participation in important experiences."

Students earning a minor in Leadership and Global Understanding will combine coursework, foreign study/travel programs, and participation in both off-campus community service organizations and in leadership positions with on-campus programs that are designed to foster global and cultural understanding.

The minor is designed to be experiential in nature, and each of the six required courses has a service-learning component requiring students to participate in volunteer service with a mentor in the community. "Our hope is to develop the next generation of 'leaders' who will take a leadership role in their community," Vogel said.

In addition, students must prepare a portfolio to document the work they have done. Students will be encouraged to integrate their service experience with previous Travel Study courses. The portfolio is to be a product of a student's personal experience and growth, not merely a collection of graded work already returned, said Vogel and Allen. It must be an active reflection



La Salle students and faculty pose for a group shot at Hero's Square in Budapest, Hungary, on a trip taken during spring break in 2002.

upon that work.

McClinton, a political science major who will attend law school, said visiting the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz left an indelible mark on her, one that she has reflected on.

"It was very, very horrifying, just to see the remnants," she said. "Walking around there made me aware of the type of hate that can exist in the world. And it was less than 70 years ago when all that unfolded. It also made me more determined to be tolerant in my lifestyle."

Giugliano, Associate Director of University Ministry and Service, will be overseeing the placement of students in service-learning and mentoring situations. She said the timing for the minor could not be more appropriate.

"Do we need more evidence than currently exists that we are living at a time when students need to be prepared to take on the challenge of global leadership?" she asked. "This minor will prepare them to think and act in expanding concentric circles of community from local-urban to global. We owe it to them to focus on the issues that are ripe for these times," she said.

Vogel, Allen, and Giugliano also said the minor presented the opportunity to form a first-ever academic partnership with the Division of Student Affairs at La Salle (of which University Ministry and Service is a component). "We envisioned this program as being university-wide," Allen said. ■

International Teachers: Keeping Things in Perspective

By Jon Caroulis

Learning in a foreign country can be tough enough, but teaching in one can have its pitfalls. Of course, it has its advantages, too—for the teacher and the student.

La Salle University is lucky to have a number of foreign-born faculty and administrators whose very presence constantly reminds students that theirs isn't the only perspective that matters.

"When I teach the gross domestic product, I ask my students that if they were to rank the countries of the world according to economic well being, what are the factors you look at," said Richard Mshomba, Ph.D., '85, a La Salle professor of economics originally from Tanzania. "They will say roads, technology, education systems, health systems, inflation, and so forth, but most of the time they never mention water or electricity until I say that. And it's, 'Oh, okay.' I go on to explain that the vast majority of people in the world do not have access to clean water, access to electricity. That brings a very real world perspective."

When Mshomba returns to Tanzania, he makes videos of life there and shows them to his classes. He also discusses what foreign newspapers report about America. From that point, he'll discuss how economic issues, such as multi-lateral

trade negotiations, are affected by foreign perceptions of the U.S.

"Most of the students appreciate my bringing a foreign perspective to class, and some students have commented on that on evaluations. They appreciate that perspective," Mshomba said.

When Joshua Buch, Ph.D., a professor of finance, has a class with foreign-born students in it, he starts the course with this story:

As a graduate business student, he was assigned to write a paper on an interdisciplinary approach to marketing.

"I had no idea what that meant," recalled Buch, who had never been out of Israel before coming to Philadelphia for graduate school. "I only thought of 'discipline' as meaning corporal punishment. I thought it meant they were going to beat up people to buy their stuff." Later, he went to a librarian and asked him to find a sentence using the word "interdisciplinary."



Joshua Buch, Ph.D.



Vivienne Angeles, Ph.D.

"I tell foreign students to relax," Buch said.

Vivienne Angeles, Ph.D., received a scholarship to do graduate work at Kansas State University after she graduated from the University of the Philippines. When she arrived, she "saw that the place was just like the way I imagined it from 'The Wizard of Oz,'" she said.

About being a foreign-born instructor teaching American students, Angeles said, "One of the first things they (U.S. students) notice is that I am different and have an accent. I encourage them to raise their hands and ask me to repeat what I said if necessary," she said. "I also noticed that students are not usually familiar with my part of the world, so I try to include articles on Islam in Southeast Asia and devote some time to geography in my courses on Islam."

As for the differences between foreign and American students, Angeles said, "There are students in both societies (the Philippines and U.S.) who are achievement-oriented. The difference is that in the Philippino context, students, at least during my time, saw themselves as sharing their achievements or failures with the family." she said. "Another reason is that parents have the sole financial responsibility for their children's education. Individualism, which is valued in this country, is not viewed positively in the Philippines." ■



(At left) The Mshomba family and relatives in Tanzania: Richard Mshomba, Ph.D., '85 (fourth from right), holds his son, Charles, while posing for a family picture. The Mshombas returned to Richard's native Tanzania for Charles' christening. Pictured from left to right are Mshomba's uncle, cousin, aunt, his wife Elaine, his niece, Richard, and Richard and Elaine's sons, Charles, Dennis, and Alphonse. (Above) Richard and Elaine pose with their three sons.



Diplomats in the Making

By Mark E. Dixon

La Salle University doesn't have a school of foreign relations but is, nevertheless, quietly turning out some of the nation's future diplomats.

For this, credit La Salle's Diplomat-in-Residence Program (D.R.P.). Founded in 1993 to bring foreign diplomats on campus as speakers, it has also helped several students identify future careers.

Svitlana Gorbova, '03, for instance, is planning a career with the U.S. State Department. A political science major, Gorbova has lived in the United States only since 1999, when she moved here from Ukraine with her parents. During the summer of 2002, she worked as an intern in the Washington Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus and has since been accepted at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

"Such internships are very rare," said Professor of Philosophy Cornelia Tsakiridou, Ph.D., Director of the Diplomat-in-Residence Program. "Most embassies don't give them at all or, if they do, they give them to their own citizens." Usually, the approval of the ambassador is required.

Working to Gorbova's benefit, however, was La Salle's long relationship with the Cypriot Embassy

in Washington. D.R.P. launched with an appearance by the Cypriot Ambassador in the spring of 1993. More than 100 foreign diplomats have visited since, and many of those relationships have endured.

"Big universities use their prestige to draw speakers and get internships," Tsakiridou said. "With us, it's mostly personal connections with people who visited the University." Similarly, Tsakiridou's dual (Greek and U.S.) citizenship gives her an advantage in dealing with the Greek Embassy, as does her doctorate from Georgetown University when dealing with that school.

Financial support from the Provost's Office is also critical in allowing students to take summer internships in expensive Washington, D.C., she said.

Other La Salle students who have benefited from such contacts include Ludwika Chrzastowska, '04, who is currently interning at the press office of the Greek Embassy in Washington, D.C., and Christopher Schwartz, '04, a summer intern at the Center for Contemporary Studies at Georgetown University. (For security reasons, internship opportunities are usually confined to embassy press offices.)

Initially, Tsakiridou's intention was simply to broaden La Salle students' horizons a bit. Born in Greece, she was educated at Anatolia College at Thessaloniki, where virtually everyone spoke at

least two languages. Tsakiridou speaks Greek, English, and French.

"Only 10-12 million people in the world speak Greek, so it's virtually a requirement to speak at least one other language," she said. In that very international

environment, Tsakiridou met students from throughout the Mediterranean, as well as American teachers who had served in the Peace Corps. So, when she later spent a year as a foreign exchange student with a California family, the transition to a monolingual culture with relatively little contact with foreigners was startling.

"What it impressed on me is how much foreign experience changes people," Tsakiridou said. "When people meet people from other places and discover that they are not like them, that discovery makes them people of more than one world."

When she arrived at La Salle in the early 1990s and found it similarly isolated, Tsakiridou decided to create a tool to crack through that shell. The Diplomat-in-Residence Program became that tool.

In retrospect, many of Tsakiridou's programs seem to have been created for this moment in history. A 1995 program coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the United Nations looked at the organization's successes, failures, and future prospects. In 1997, ambassadors of Morocco, Egypt, Indonesia, and Sudan gathered with a variety of experts to discuss "Islam and the West." In 1999, experts discussed the rights of Muslim women, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, American foreign policy, and prospects for regional stability.

In 2000, the theme was "Threats to International Security." That program featured a panel discussion on terrorist groups by representatives of the Center for Counter Terrorism Studies, the FBI, Department of State, U.S. Special Operations Command, and others.

"Back then, not many people were interested in the subject,"



The Venerable Palden Gyatso

Tsakiridou said. "Now, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to get those people."

Why do they come? Mostly, she said, foreign ambassadors consider these sorts of appearances to be good public relations. Representatives of smaller countries are somewhat easier to attract than those of major powers. But since the major powers tend to be great interest in small countries, those are often the people who need to be heard.

"There's certainly more motivation among ambassadors whose countries need to improve their U.S. image," Tsakiridou said. "We've invited the Saudis for the past 10 years and they never even bothered to respond. In 2002, they came."

Tsakiridou measures D.R.P.'s success in two ways. First, there's the attendance—the number of students who turn out for programs and lectures. Wednesday evening lectures tend to be best attended, with more than 300 people filling such venues as the Dan Rodden Theatre or the Union Building Ballroom.

A second measure is students such as Gorbova who develop and pursue an inter-

est. Active in D.R.P. throughout her college years, Gorbova served as a moderator on an April 2003 panel on Greek-Turkish relations by the Greek and Turkish ambassadors and a representative of the U.S. State Department.

This followed Gorbova's experience the previous summer at the Cypriot Embassy, where she edited the embassy's newsletter, catalogued English publications, and assisted with official visits of dignitaries. She also did a research project on Cyprus' pending membership in the European Union.

Before coming to the United States, Gorbova lived in Great Britain, where she learned English, and Germany, where she also picked up the local language. Those European experiences proved a useful contrast, she said, with the United States, whose culture is very different.

"Europeans know how to enjoy life," she said. "Americans live to work."

Asked which is best, Gorbova paused, then laughed.

"It's good to combine both," she concluded, diplomatically. 📌



(Top row, from left) Bethany Cottingham, '04; Cornelia Tsakiridou, Director of D.R.P. and Associate Professor of Philosophy at La Salle; Mike Gallen, '04; (bottom row, from left) Minister Evan Garcia of the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines; Father Eliseo Mecado, O.M.I., visiting scholar from the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding from Georgetown University; and Vivienne Angeles, Assistant Professor of Religion at La Salle.



The Venerable Palden Gyatso (center), a Buddhist monk imprisoned for 33 years by the Chinese Government in Tibet because he would not abandon his religious beliefs delivered a powerful speech about faith and the challenges of religious dialogue. Pictured with him are (from left): Bethany Cottingham, '04; Charles Desnoyers, Associate Professor of History at La Salle; Cornelia Tsakiridou; and Rigdzin Tingkhya, translator for Gyatso.



More Than Business Partners

Joseph Ugras, Ph.D., Associate Dean of La Salle's School of Business (right), officiated the engagement ceremony of Cidam Ersoz, '01 (left), and Cagatay Gencal, '01 (center), at the Marriott Hotel in Conshohocken, Pa., on December 29, 2002. Ersoz and Gencal, both natives of Turkey, met in La Salle's M.B.A. Program and graduated with double majors in Management Information Systems and Finance in 2001. After dating for close to three years, the couple was married on January 2, 2003, at the Turkish Embassy in New York, N.Y. They currently reside in Philadelphia.

Thomas Lynch, '03, has led a full and busy life: He saw action at Iwo Jima as a Marine radioman. He once studied for the priesthood. He set up Thanksgiving Day dinners for the needy. His employer asked him to continue working for the company's community relations department, even after retirement. He raised three daughters.

The Degree of a Lifetime

By Jon Caroulis



Despite all of Lynch's accomplishments, he was still troubled by the fact that he never accumulated enough credits to earn a college degree. After attending several semesters at La Salle nearly 60 years ago, Lynch was transferred by his employer and was never able to compile his total credits onto one transcript and complete his education.

But thanks to some dogged detective work by his eldest daughter and a La Salle counselor, the 81-year-old finally received an associate's degree at La Salle's Commencement ceremony on May 11.

After deciding that the priesthood was not the right path for him, Lynch enlisted in the Marines in 1943. After returning to the U.S., he got a job with Eastern Airlines working at the city's airport, located in South Philadelphia, from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. He started taking classes at La Salle, but it wasn't easy with his schedule.

"After work, I'd get on the subway at Snyder Avenue and sleep until the train got to the Olney station, which was the last stop on the line," Lynch said. In 1948, however, Eastern transferred him to Nashville, Tenn.

Lynch returned to the Philadelphia area and worked for McNeil Laboratories, a pharmaceutical firm that was later purchased by Johnson & Johnson. He and his wife had three daughters, all of whom graduated from college and earned graduate degrees, too. But Lynch had

told his children that not completing his college education was his biggest regret.

Last year, Kathy Ciarlante, Lynch's eldest daughter, wondered if her father had enough credits from La Salle and his seminary studies to qualify for a degree. The seminary Lynch attended had closed, and its records were kept at Notre Dame University. Ciarlante went there and obtained her father's transcripts, which she presented to Jim Rook, M.B.A. '99, Associate Director of La Salle's Continuing Studies Office.

Rook thought Lynch might be eligible for an associate's degree, but it appeared he needed courses in religion and philosophy to meet the associate degree's requirements. The seminary transcript showed Lynch had taken courses in Greek and Latin, but Rook thought they were not language courses. The Greek class was on St. Paul's Letters, so Rook realized it was a religion course. But he couldn't decipher the content of the Latin course, and asked Marc Moreau, Ph.D., Chair of La Salle's Philosophy Department, for help. After examining the transcript, Moreau told Rook the Latin course dealt with Cicero's ruminations on friendship and old age—it was a philosophy course, meaning Lynch was eligible for the degree. On May 11, he received his diploma with his children, Ciarlante, Rosemary Lynch, and Jody Saltzman, in attendance.

"It was a great experience, I always will remember it," Lynch said. "It was a real treat."

For Ciarlante, "One of the proudest times, besides my father's walking up onto the stage, was when the graduates were initiated into the Alumni Association—that brought the whole message home. We've already bought him a La Salle sticker for his car, and La Salle t-shirts and sweatshirts from the bookstore. It's been a lot of fun in addition to being a special memory." ■

“Special” Education

By Kimberly Dugan

Colleen Tomaszewski, '03, has discovered that a handicap can sometimes be used to benefit others.

The recent education grad plans to spend her life teaching special needs children—a label that once could have been applied to her.

“I wanted to be a special education teacher since grade school,” Tomaszewski said. “I had a hard time in school, and eventually, I was diagnosed with dyslexia. I knew right then and there that I wanted to help children with special needs.”

For her final semester of student teaching in the spring of 2003, Tomaszewski requested a placement at the Overbrook School for the Blind.

“I didn’t have much experience with the visually impaired and I wanted to gain as much understanding as possible with all aspects of special education,” she said.

“Colleen was the first student in at least six years to go to Overbrook,” said Joyce Hunley, Administrative Director of the Elementary and Special Education Program at La Salle. “I have always been impressed with Colleen’s focus and I was glad to see her initiative about where she wanted to teach so that she could get the most from her experience.”

While at Overbrook, two of Tomaszewski’s students were not only blind, but also autistic.

“It really was an amazing opportunity for me and I learned so much. The students at Overbrook range in age from infants to 21 so I was able to work with a variety of ages and capabilities,” Tomaszewski said. “The sense of community is wonderful. The faculty and students work together to make sure that everyone

is doing well.”

Tomaszewski helped her students master simple tasks most people take for granted.

“Some of what I did was take students on field trips to places like supermarkets, so I could teach them how to shop and how to interact with others,” she said.

“I learn as much from my students as they do from me. One of my students started to teach me Braille,” said Tomaszewski. “I learn more from them than they probably realize.”

On top of her devotion to her students, Tomaszewski’s activity list fills six pages and includes tutoring, volunteering in soup kitchens, Big Buddy, neighborhood clean-up, Operation Smile, and Project Appalachia, which took her to Harlan County, Ky., to help build homes for needy families.

Despite her busy schedule, Tomaszewski has nearly a 4.0 grade point average.

“I don’t know how I do it. I must have really good time management skills, but it is just the way I live. This is how I want to spend my time,” she said.

Now that she has graduated, Tomaszewski plans on continuing her education. She will work in a school centered on visual- and hearing-impaired education. She intends to



obtain a Master’s in this area and eventually go on to complete her doctoral studies in special education concentrating on autistic support.

“I want to educate myself as much as possible so that I have the skills to help children with disabilities succeed,” Tomaszewski said.

A native of Hyde Park, N.Y., Tomaszewski came to La Salle specifically because of its education program.

“La Salle’s program is unique for a lot of reasons. One is the dual certification in elementary and special education, not just one or the other,” she said. “The program’s field placement is also impressive. Students start earning classroom experience during their first year and that was important to me.”

THE BEST SUMMER GIG EVER

By Kimberly Dugan



John Ogden, '03, doesn't usually take phone calls while at a formal event. But this was a call he knew he couldn't miss.

As he was processing into SS. Peter and Paul Basilica for La Salle's Baccalaureate Mass on May 10, Ogden's cell phone started to ring. "I knew it was the call I had been waiting for, so I hopped out of the procession and took the call," he said.

It was from an NBC 10 staffer informing him that he was one of five finalists in the station's quest to find a new on-air traffic reporter for the summer. A few days later, the fresh communication graduate went on to win the competition, and is now hard at work giving televised advice to local drivers.

Philadelphia's NBC 10 News and Traffic Pulse launched their search in the beginning of May. Auditions were open to adults over the age of 21 who live in the station's viewing area. Close to 1,500 candidates showed up to try out for the contest that became known to all as "The Best Summer Gig Ever."

Ogden stood in line for two-and-a-half hours for his 20-second audition.

"I stood up there in front of the judges and said my name and phone number, and then read 10 seconds of

script. That was it," Ogden said.

The judges then scored each applicant on criteria including credibility, confidence, and personality. The candidates with the top 10 scores moved on to the semi-final round.

As Ogden moved to the next round, he and nine other hopefuls auditioned on-air giving a live traffic report. After that, NBC 10 viewers voted for the top five finalists.

Once Ogden received word that he made it to the final round, he prepared to go on television once again so viewers could get a final look at the contestants and cast their votes for the winner, which was announced live on May 21.

"I was ready to be the gracious runner-up, so I had nothing prepared when I was announced the winner," said Ogden, who came out on top as nearly 15,000 viewers cast votes for the final round.

"My first official day of work was on Memorial Day," said Ogden, whose normal routine now includes arriving at the station by 5:00 a.m. His first on-air traffic report is at 5:30 a.m., and he has periodic updates until 8:30 a.m. After that Ogden goes home and returns to the station around 4:00 p.m. for the evening rush.

When asked what a traffic reporter does, Ogden said, "I prepare the actual report. I only have a certain amount of time on-air, so I need to decide what is most important and what information needs to get the air-time. I also generate the graphics and camera shots that are shown."

A former communication


major at La Salle, Ogden has always been interested in journalism and broadcasting. As a student, he was active in the University's theatre group, the *Masque*, the student newspaper, the *Collegian*, and the University's television station, La Salle 56, which he credits with giving him experience both in front of and behind the camera. He also had an internship with Fox's *Good Day Philadelphia*, where he eventually earned the position of production assistant.

"My internship was a great experience and it helped me build confidence for a real job," he said. "I also learned a lot by working on La Salle 56 and being involved in the *Masque*. They helped me to feel comfortable in front of people or when people are watching," he said.

And people are watching. Ogden has become somewhat of a local celebrity.

"Everywhere I go, people recognize me," he said. "My bank is right around the corner from the station and a woman in there said, 'Hey, I just saw you on TV 10 minutes ago.'"

Ogden's summer gig ends in August, but he is hoping the knowledge he is earning will lead to other opportunities.

"My goal is to continue to be an on-air personality, either as an anchor or a reporter, and having this chance to start out in a market as large as Philadelphia really gives me an edge," Ogden said. "I hope that by doing a good job and getting so much experience and exposure, I will be able to develop a promising career in broadcasting." 



A Commitment to Social Peace

By Jon Caroulis

Somewhere in the Middle East, Army Sgt. Sean Berk received the news about his being awarded La Salle's Joseph F. Flubacher Scholarship for excellence in economics.

"Our telephone and e-mail access is limited and is often restricted for security reasons. By the time I got the news it was about a week after the award dinner," said Berk, a La Salle junior, in an e-mail from the Middle East.

Last year, Berk's reserve unit, the 358th Civil Affairs Brigade, was called up. He's been based in Kuwait since February.

The scholarship is named for Joseph F. Flubacher, '35, a Professor Emeritus who taught economics at La Salle for more than 50 years. In addition to high grades, applicants for the scholarship must demonstrate a commitment to social peace and justice.

In his application, Berk wrote that his mission in Iraq "will be to keep civilians safely out of the line of fire from friend and foe alike, and to advise military commanders of their legal and moral responsibilities to local populations, which include ensuring that civilian casualties are avoided, meeting the basic needs of dislocated civilians, and preserving religious, cultural, and historic landmarks."

After September 11, 2001, Berk decided to pursue a career in diplomacy. He switched majors to economics and international relations, and planned to help countries develop their economies. He says his recent experiences have changed his

outlook somewhat.

"To a degree, I'm still interested in the same kind of thing," Berk said in an e-mail, "but the work I am involved in here has given me contact with international organizations, non-government organizations, and private volunteer organizations, so

area, and also provide security for them if it is deemed necessary."

"Our main focus right now is the rebuilding of a stable infrastructure, and enhancement of the social and economic well-being of the people. In this regard, our teams conduct assessments of cities that are in our

sector of responsibility, and decide what those cities need in order to get back to normal. Critical functions we are working to restore are, first and foremost, potable water and electricity. We are also working to restore such government services as the educational system, judicial system, police, rail and port facilities, hospitals, and sanitation."

In addition, Berk said the military hopes to hire local citizens to help with the reconstruction, with the goal of "jump-starting the economy."

In a letter of recommendation, La Salle Economics Professor Beth Paulin stated that Berk "wrote a superior paper he researched on economic development in Pakistan. His quantitative research showed that the disproportionate amount of money put into the military, as

opposed to infrastructure and education, negatively affected economic growth in Pakistan."

She added, "I can think of no better way for the Economics Department to honor this courageous and loyal young man, whose heart is as big as it gets, than by awarding him the 2003-2004 Flubacher Scholarship." ■



I'm at least exploring other options that I could use my degree and civil affairs experience for."

"Since shortly after the start of the war, we have been coordinating the delivery of humanitarian aide, such as medical supplies, humanitarian daily rations, and bottled water. In addition, we track the status of cities and inform civilian organizations of the level of permissiveness in that

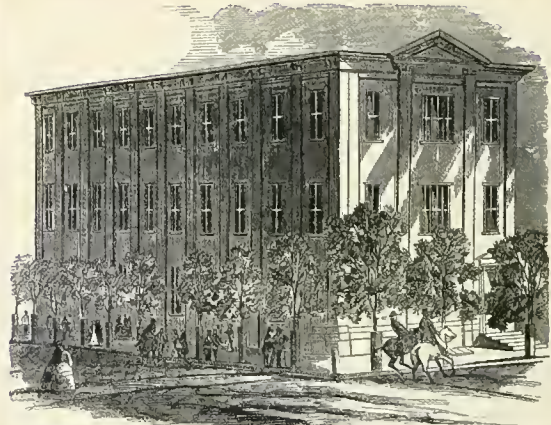


The Evolution of La



1863 – 1867

St. Michael's Parish at Second and Jefferson streets served as the original site of La Salle College.



1867 – 1886

La Salle's second home was located at Juniper and Filbert streets in Center City.

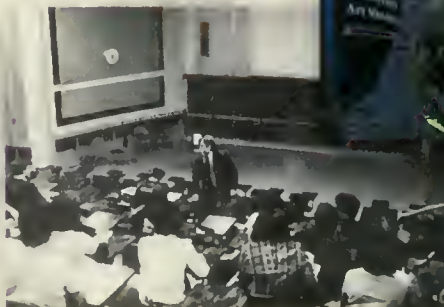
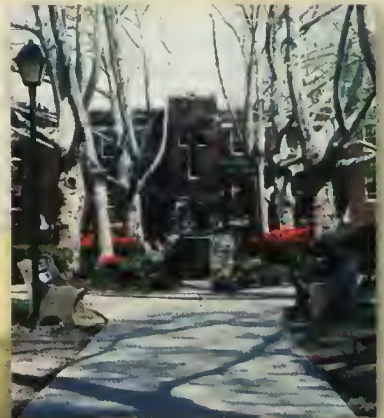


McShain Hall

Dedication in 1940

The Quad

Below: The Quad as it appeared in the 1930s, before the construction of McShain Hall.
At right: The Quad today.



Olney Hall

Left: Olney Hall Classroom 100 in the 1970s; above: La Salle's Art Museum, located in Olney Hall since 1975.



Salle's Main Campus



1886 – 1930

The Bouvier Mansion at Broad and Stiles streets was the original site of La Salle College.



1930 – present

La Salle's home for the past 73 years at 20th Street and Olney Avenue. Above: Brother President Dorotheus conducts the groundbreaking ceremonies in 1928; at right: College Hall as it is today.



The Library

Above: The original library located in College Hall. At right: The Connelly Library, which opened in 1988.



Communication Center

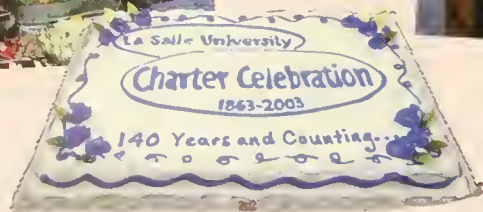
Dedication of the Communication Center in 1994. The center is located on the St. Basil's property, which was purchased by the University in 1989.



The Campus from Above

Left: During the early 1940s, prior to the construction of Leonard and Benilde Halls.

Above: During the 1960s, after the opening of Holroyd Hall but before construction of Olney Hall.



140 Years and Counting

The La Salle University campus community, this March, kicked off a year-long celebration of La Salle's 140th anniversary as a chartered institution. Students, faculty, and staff were treated to delicacies such as chocolate-covered strawberries, flan, hand-carved roast beef and

turkey, and made-to-order stir-fry at the annual Charter Day dinner. As is traditional, college administrators and faculty served their colleagues and students during the event. (Clockwise, from top left) La Salle President Br. Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70; former Alumni Association President Gerry Binder, '73; Dean of Students Joseph J. Cicala, Ph.D., '79; and Geology and Physics Professor Bert Strieb were among those who took part this year.

Also held was a successful silent auction of theme baskets (left), provided by the

campus community and sponsored by University Ministry and Service, to raise funds for student service trips.



Daniel J. Whelan, Esq., '68, (right) former President and C.E.O. of Verizon, Pennsylvania, Inc., and current counselor at the law firm of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker and Rhoads L.L.P., talks with student leaders Paris McLean, '04 (left), and Bill Wiegman, '04 (center), at the 11th annual Charter Dinner held at The Union League of Philadelphia on March 22. Whelan was honored with this year's Leadership Award at the event.

SAVE THE DATE... FAMILY WEEKEND 2003 WILL BE HELD OCT. 3-5!

Friday night features performances by the Masque and Improv Team

Saturday highlights include a Jazz Band Concert, Lunch under the Big Tent, a La Salle Football Game, Bus Trip to Center City, President's Reception, and

Dancing through the Decades with WOGL DJ Tommy McCarthy

Sunday's events include Family Mass and Brunch along with the Honors Convocation

For more information, please check out the Parents' Association Web site at www.lasalle.edu/parents or e-mail parents@lasalle.edu

Tech-Invest

La Salle University undergraduate and graduate students will have access to a \$50,000 grant from the Ben Franklin Partnership of Southeastern Pennsylvania (BFTP/SEP) to help them develop high-technology, innovation-based, and product-focused businesses. The grant has been provided by Tech-Invest, a new challenge grant program launched by BFTP/SEP and La Salle's Integrated Science, Business and Technology (ISBT) program.

"La Salle is proud to work with our alumni, benefactors, and Ben

Franklin to fashion Tech-Invest," said Marsha Timmerman, a professor in the ISBT program. "By combining our respective organizations' entrepreneurial development resources, we create a well-rounded partnership with a solid win/win outcome." The grants are open to any La Salle student regardless of major.

The first recipients of the Tech-Invest challenge grant program will be announced this summer.

This past May, the University graduated its first class of ISBT majors.



Integrated Science, Business and Technology (ISBT) faculty and administration members posed with the first group of ISBT graduates. (From left) William Weaver, Ph.D., faculty member; Edward Julien, '03; Marsha Timmerman, faculty member; Mary Ubbens, '03; Carl Mattiola, '03; Aneesah Gibson, '03; Andrew Blazynski, '03; Stacey Schultz, '03; ISBT Program Director Nancy Jones, Ph.D.; Mirella DiStasio, '03; and La Salle Provost Richard Nigro, Ph.D.

La Salle Business Team Wins J&J Competition



A team of La Salle University business students won Johnson & Johnson's national case competition this April, in which contestants had to deal with a real-life problem the firm encountered recently. The team won against nine other colleges from across the country.

The competition was based on a presentation of a marketing/promotion strategy for a "fake" product called "Tolla" made by Johnson & Johnson, which was based on their Tylenol product.

The four students will split a \$1,000 prize from Johnson & Johnson, while La Salle's School of Business Administration received an additional \$2,500.

At the company's New Brunswick, N.J., headquarters, holding a \$2,500 "check" made to the University are team members: (from left) Kristen Overturf, '04; Breanne Ward, '05; Melissa Mazur, '03; and Kayci O'Donnell, '05.

MyoCardium

A scene from "Myocardia," a five-minute computer-generated film made by a team of students, including Ibrahim Kobeissi, '04, who won first place in a competition at Philadelphia's University of the Arts. Kobeissi is a digital arts major at La Salle.





La Salle University's 140th Commencement Quick Facts

- La Salle President Br. Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70 (A), presented 1,479 students with diplomas at the University's 140th Commencement Ceremony on May 11, 2003.
- Margaret Kane, '03 (B), former President of the Honors Board and La Salle Ambassadors and the 2002 Homecoming Queen, delivered the Commencement address.
- Honorary degrees were conferred upon: Lisa Cahill, Ph.D. (C), a preeminent Catholic ethicist, and Hilary Koprowski, M.D. (D), one of the world's leading researchers into viruses.
- Professor of History George Stow, Ph.D. (E), received the 2003 Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award. He has been at La Salle since 1972.
- Jillian Szczepaniak-Gillece, '03 (F), delivered the Invocation.
- The eldest member of the graduating class was 81-year-old Thomas Lynch, '03 (see story on page 12).
- A third generation of the Hayes family graduated from La Salle's School of Business (G): (From left) Walter A., '42, is the former Director of Taxes for Wyeth Laboratories; Walter J., '72, is a large case coordinator for the IRS; and Matthew, '03, is employed at PricewaterhouseCoopers.



Grimes Lecture

Daniel L. Schacter, Professor of Psychology and Chair of the Department of Psychology at Harvard University, delivered the Psychology Department's 24th annual Grimes Lecture on April 24. One of the world's leading experts on memory, Dr. Schacter spoke about his most recent book, *The Seven Sins of Memory: How the Mind Forgets and Remembers*.

At the event, Diane M. Moyer, Ph.D., '80, received the University's Brother John P. Dondero Award for her devotion to making the science and practice of psychology accessible to others. Dr. Moyer is an associate professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa. A former La Salle field hockey player, she is a member of the University's Hall of Athletes and was a two-time member of the U.S. Olympic Field Hockey Team in 1980 and 1984.



Nearly 250 guests shared in the festivities of La Salle's School of Business Annual Celebration at The Union League in early April. Thomas J. Lynch, '62 (center), Vice President/Portfolio Manager of The Rittenhouse Trust Company, who was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor society earlier in the evening, is shown with James J. Lynch, '71 (left), Chairman and C.E.O. of Sovereign Bank MidAtlantic and Chairman of La Salle's Board of Trustees, and Thomas F. Hennigan, '88 (right), Partner and C.F.O. of Gambone Development Company.



Workers gently lift the 19th century painting, "Artist in Her Studio," by Charles Emile-Auguste Carolus-Duran from its spot in the La Salle Art Museum. The painting was shipped to France for a special exhibit of Carolus-Duran's work. The La Salle piece was one of only six Carolus-Duran works in the U.S. selected for the exhibition.



Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker-Knoll starts the sixth annual La Salle basketball marathon to benefit the American Cancer Society (ACS) by tossing a jump ball to Ray Bonnette (left), '03, and Seanna Bruno, '03, co-chairs of the event. More than \$6,800 was raised for the ACS.

Mission Accomplished

30 Years Later, Women's Sports at La Salle is Thriving

By BOB VETRONE SR.

As the February 5 luncheon was coming to a close in the La Salle Union Ballroom, Mary Ellen Wydan, the University's Senior Woman Administrator, concluded the program thusly: "Sports is an incredible avenue for personal growth in all of us." The meeting was part of La Salle's participation in National Girls and Women in Sports Day, and Wydan's closing words pretty well summed up the feelings of everyone in attendance.

It also highlighted the celebration of La Salle's 30 Years of Women's Sports. Going back to 1972, that history has been filled with girls and women with athletic ability, a pioneer spirit, and determination to bring equality to college athletics participation. You can say mission accomplished. Now, working under the guidance of Title IX, La Salle has 12 sports in which women take part, and, along the way they have brought championships, pride, and equality with them. Three women who were instrumental in bringing those qualities to the La Salle campus were the speakers at the luncheon.

One was Pat (Berry) Sweeney, '72, the daughter of a La Salle grad and the niece of a La Salle professor. She was prominent in starting women's basketball, which was the first team recognized by the Department of Athletics. There were a few other teams, which had "foundational" beginnings before that but came later in the matter of official recognition.

Another was Marianne Dooley, a freshman in 1971. "As sports were added to the La Salle athletic program," Wydan said, "she played them ... field hockey, basketball, softball, tennis, track and field, and swimming."

Dooley was a member of the Athletic Advisory Committee and captain of the 1975 basketball team, and

when that season ended, she graduated with a degree in psychology, then worked with children with developmental disabilities. Dooley retired in 2002 as a computer systems programmer for the State of New Jersey Office of Information Technology. She is the field hockey representative in the Explorer Club, the Athletics fundraising group.

In summing up Dooley's contributions, Wydan said, "She was an inspiration to her teammates and a tireless advocate for women's athletics on campus at that time."

Nora Kramer, '77, was one who got so heavily involved in women's sports that she became the first recipient of the Mary O'Connor Award. That award, named after La Salle's first Coordinator of Women's Athletics Activities, went to an individual who exemplified the loyalty, dedication, and service to the La Salle Women's Intercollegiate Program.

Kramer, later an assistant women's basketball coach, spent 10 years doing missionary work among the gangs of Chicago, and working with children internationally in Chile and El Salvador.

She earned a degree in nursing and a Master's in health administration and education and is now nurse manager at Philadelphia's Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Great women, great athletes, great contributors, and outstanding role models in the realm of



Mary Ellen Wydan, La Salle's Senior Woman Administrator in Athletics, speaking at the Feb. 5 "30 Years in Women's Sports" luncheon, held in La Salle's Ballroom. The celebration was a part of the University's participation in National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

women's equality at La Salle and in collegiate athletics, proving, as Mary Ellen Wydan, said: "Sports is an incredible avenue for personal growth in all of us." ■

International Student-Athletes

La Salle's athletic teams boast a number of students from around the globe. Recent international student-athletes include:

Men's Basketball

Lewis Fadipe, '06 (Lagos, Nigeria)
Joel Jean-Baptiste, '04 (Paris, France)
Dwayne Jones, '03 (Mississauga, Ontario)
Dzaflo Larkai, '06 (Mitcham Surrey, England)

Rasheed Quadri, '04 (London, England)

Women's Basketball

Monica Garrido Sanz, '05 (Madrid, Spain)
Ekaterina Markova, '04 (Sophia, Bulgaria)

Women's Tennis

Cristina Stefan, '04 (Timisoara, Romania)

Men's Soccer

Dusan Vujovic, '06 (Belgrade, Yugoslavia)
Marc Rostant, '04 (San Fernando, Trinidad)
Ryan Moseley, '06 (Nassau, Bahamas)

The Man with the Lucky Bow Tie

Coaching Legend Jim Phelan, '51, Says Goodbye to College Basketball

BY TOM EMBERLEY

This past March 1, a legend in college basketball stepped down from his head coaching post at Mount St. Mary's College (Emmitsburg, Md.) after coaching an NCAA record 49 seasons.

Jim Phelan, '51, led The Mount to a 60-56 victory over Central Connecticut State that afternoon, in his 1,354th and final game on the bench. And while he will be remembered mostly for his 830 victories in the coaching ranks, he will be recognized more so for his trademark bow ties. As a tribute to Phelan, many of the nation's coaches wore bow ties in his honor March 1, including Explorers Head Men's Basketball Coach Billy Hahn. Very few people realize, though, that Phelan picked up the habit of wearing a bow tie at 20th and Olney nearly 50 years ago.

"Before his first game (at Mount St. Mary's) in 1954, I was laying out some clothes," said the South Philadelphia native's wife, Dottie. "As I was doing that, I laid out a bow tie for him, because (former La Salle head) Coach (Ken) Loeffler wore them, and his teams did well. Well, we won that game, and kept on winning as Jim kept wearing the bow ties."

Phelan, whose 830 wins trail only North Carolina's Dean Smith (879) and Kentucky's Adolph Rupp (876) on the NCAA's career ledger, played for Loeffler in the late 40s and early 50s, went 22-3 in his first season of coaching, and the bow tie legend had started. The starting point guard on Loeffler's 1951 National Invitation Tournament



(NIT) squad, he garnered Honorable Mention All-America accolades before serving in the Korean War as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. Phelan returned to the United States in time to serve as La Salle's freshman basketball coach in the 1953-54 campaign. Though not an assistant coach by title, he helped Loeffler coach the Tom Gola-led team to the 1954 NCAA Championship.

Also a member of the NBA's Philadelphia Warriors during the 1953-54 season, Phelan was recommended for the Mount St. Mary's job by Loeffler the following year. His illustrious head coaching career began in the 1954-55 campaign, and Phelan led The Mount to the 1962 College Division (the modern-day equivalent to the NCAA's Division II) National Championship. Before Mount St. Mary's became a Division I institution in 1988-89, Phelan led the school to a quintet of Division II

Final Four appearances. He continued his success at the Division I level, as The Mount made two NCAA appearances and received an NIT bid during Phelan's tenure.

Ironically, Phelan's two daughters, Lynne and Carol, nearly curbed their father's success roughly midway through his coaching career.

"As the girls were becoming teenagers, they were very fashion-conscious and weren't too fond of the bow ties," Dottie Phelan recounted. "So before the (1971-72) season, they asked their father to wear the straight ties instead." Phelan's Mount St. Mary's squad went 6-17 that year, the worst coaching record of his career. Needless to say, he switched back to the trademark bow ties, and the wins kept coming from that point on.

Because of his coaching accomplishments, Phelan was honored April 28 by the Herb Good Basketball Club. He also was a guest speaker at the April 24 La Salle Explorer Club Fund Drive Kick-Off Party. **■**



Making Headlines



Tom Curley, '70, former president and publisher of *USA Today*, has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the world's largest news organization, the Associated Press.

Founded in 1848, the A.P. is a non-profit news cooperative of U.S. newspapers and broadcasters that provides more than 15,000 media outlets worldwide and thousands of commercial customers with news stories, photographs, audio, video, and multimedia on-line products.

Curley was the original news staffer on the project that led to the creation of *USA Today*, the nation's largest-selling daily newspaper. In

1979, he was assigned to study the feasibility of a national newspaper and later worked in every department of the paper. In 1986, he became the paper's sixth president and in 1991 added the title of publisher.

Curley began his journalism career at age 15 covering high school basketball for his hometown newspaper, the *Easton (Pa.) Express*. During his days at La Salle, he became editor of the *Collegian*, and went on to join Gannett's *Rochester (N.Y.) Times-Union* after graduation.

He is the Vice Chair of La Salle's Board of Trustees.

A Hole in One



The 2003 President's Cup was held on April 21 at Blue Bell Country Club. Over 200 golfers enjoyed a day on the greens, and even more turned out for an evening of fun, which included an auction and drawing of the President's Cup Raffle. This year's event raised \$192,000 for financial aid and scholarship resources for students. Above, James Lynch, '71, Chairman and C.E.O. of Sovereign Bank MidAtlantic and Chairman of La Salle's Board of Trustees, attempts to purchase the winning raffle ticket from members of the La Salle women's field hockey team (from left, Brandi Reed, '05; Colleen Bolger, '05; Kristin Guendlesberger, '05; and Amy Dalrymple, '06). The winners of the raffle were: Grand Prize Winner of \$10,000 – Troy Pierce, '93; Second Prize Trip to El Conquistador Resort in Puerto Rico – Fred Scogno, '84; Third Prize Big Screen TV – Richard, '81, and Giovanna, '82, Donnelly; Fourth Prize Trip to Orlando, Fla. – Jim Bruder; Fifth Prize Theater Trip to New York City – Joe Thomas, '50.

Mark Your Calendar Homecoming 2003

Saturday, October 25

**La Salle Explorers vs.
Monmouth Hawks**

Football at 1 p.m.

Look for information on
alumni pre-game festivities in
the coming months, and check
the Web site at
www.lasalle.edu/alumni

Reunion '03 a Shining Success



Reunion 2003 on May 16 and 17 may have been a wet one, but alumni spirits weren't dampened by the inclement weather. This year, the 50th anniversary Class of '53 and 25th anniversary Class of '78 were honored at a medal Convocation and their own special dinners. Pictured top left, La Salle President Br. Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, poses with Marge Carroll, widow of James Carroll, '53. Br. Michael presented Mrs. Carroll with a 50th anniversary gold medallion in honor of her late husband. Other reunion classes were treated to an Oktoberfest, tours of the campus and La Salle Art Museum, a family-friendly Aloha Luau, a catered dinner, and a Monte Carlo-themed game of chance/dance party. Thanks to the many alumni who turned out for Reunion and helped make it a huge success. Plans are already underway for another gala celebration next year.

'53 Crew Champions Gather at Annual Dad Vail Regatta



The Dad Vail Regatta, the largest collegiate regatta in the country, was held on May 10 along Kelly Drive. La Salle alumni gathered with current members of the Explorers men's and

women's crew teams at La Salle's tent and enjoyed a day of barbecuing and reminiscing with friends. Jim Gulick, '89, Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations (left) congratulates members of the 1953 Dad Vail Champion Varsity Eight team, who celebrated their 50th anniversary with a row down the Schuylkill River: (starting second from left) Bill Best, '53; Vince Della Valle, '55; Jack Brady, '53; and Dick Threlfall, '53. Members of the Champion Varsity Eight not pictured: Tom Doulis, '55; Larry Kelly, '53; Herman Bleacher, '55; Al Farrell, '53; and Tom Conville, '53.

Bannett, '43, Receives Holroyd Award



(From left) La Salle President Br. Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70; Aaron D. Bannett, M.D., '43, recipient of the Holroyd Award; and Edmund D. Pellegrino, M.D., MACP, Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Medical Ethics at Georgetown University's Center for Clinical Bioethics, who gave this year's Holroyd Lecture, "Medical Ethics in an Era of Moral Pluralism."

**Life After Graduation:
Financial Advice and Money Saving Tips
by John Ricchini, '93, and Terry Arndt**

Life After Graduation, L.L.C., 2000
160 pp., \$13.95

You worked so hard to get there. You struggled through accounting, biology, and history. You put up with tests, speeches, and debates. You even pulled an all-nighter or two during finals week.

Finally, graduation day has arrived. After all the excitement is over and you get ready to step out on your own, you think to yourself, "How can I afford life after graduation?"

John Ricchini, '93, and partner, Terry Arndt, have published a book to help alleviate the financial worries that often occur post graduation. *Life After Graduation* is an easy-to-use guide that escorts recent college grads through major financial commitments, such as moving into an apartment or house and buying a new car. It also provides sound financial tips beyond these initial acquisitions and discusses budgeting, negotiating, paying student loans, and investing. It even gives financial advice on budgeting for a wedding.

First published in 2000, with a second edition published in 2001, *Life After Graduation* has been sold to more than 125 colleges and universities across the country. La Salle's Alumni Association recently presented the guide as a gift to each member of the graduating class of 2003 as a way of welcoming the new alumni.

Based on the success of their first publication, Ricchini and Arndt have since published two other survival guides: *Life During College: Valuable Advice and Tips for Success* (2002) and *Backpack to Briefcase: Steps to a Successful Career* (2003).

The authors met as students in the University of Florida's M.B.A. Entrepreneurship Program. As a result of a business plan they wrote for class, they started Life After Graduation, L.L.C., in 1999 and shortly thereafter produced their first book. The company, headquartered in Alexandria, Va., is recognized as a leader in the secondary education reference material industry.

John Ricchini, '93, is currently employed as Manager of Financial Planning and Analysis for the University of South Florida Physicians Group. He is currently pursuing a Chartered Financial Consultant designation from the American College.



**Palestra Pandemonium:
A History of the Big Five
by Robert S. Lyons, '61**

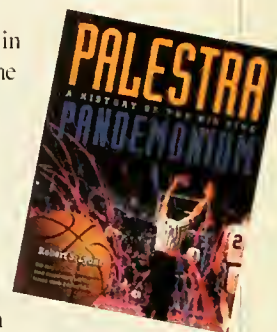
Temple University Press, 2002
224 pp., \$27.50

The most unique city series rivalry in the history of college basketball was the Big 5 when all of the Big 5 schools hosted doubleheaders in the most hallowed halls of college play: the Palestra. Now, for the first time, a complete story of this Philadelphia tradition is revealed.

Bob Lyons describes the history of the Big 5 from its very beginning in 1955. At that time, some of the Big 5 schools—La Salle University, University of Pennsylvania, St. Joseph's University, Temple University, and Villanova University—weren't even talking to each other, and some people predicted that the colorful city series matchups would end before they began. Conducting interviews with coaches, players, and administrators—including famed Temple coach Harry Litwack's last extensive interviews before his death—Lyons offers the play-by-play on how the Big 5 became a cherished institution, and how it was ultimately undone by college basketball's own success.

Lavishly illustrated with photographs of players, teams, coaches, and the Palestra itself, *Palestra Pandemonium* is an immediate classic, offering a chronicle of the most envied, hotly contested college basketball rivalry. Anywhere. (taken from the book's inside flap)

Bob Lyons, '61, has covered professional and college sports for the Associated Press and has contributed articles to numerous national publications. The former director of the La Salle University News Bureau, editor of the *La Salle Magazine*, and instructor in the University's Communication Department, he is now president of RSL Communications. He lives in Philadelphia.



"Book Notes" will be featured periodically in upcoming issues of *La Salle Magazine* and the *Alumni Newsletter*. We invite readers to let us know if there's a book written by an alum within the last year that should be highlighted. See contact information on the Table of Contents page.

1953 Louis P. Masucci (B.S.) of Tierra Verde, Fla., and his wife, Pat, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 13, 2002.

1958 Leonard J. Lubbehusen (B.A., M.A. '59) of Damascus, Md., has been teaching for 38 years. He has been married for 27 years to his wife, Sharon. He has one daughter, Diana. He has also coached high school sports.

1961 Br. J. Bartholomew Schlachter, F.S.C. (B.S.) celebrated his golden jubilee in religious life at La Salle College High School, Wyndmoor, Pa.

1964 Joseph P. Batory (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is one of the subjects of a book, *Great Failures of the Extremely Successful*, which documents his difficult ascent from the streets of Philadelphia to his successful 15-year run as Superintendent of the Upper Darby School District. He has received the Lifetime Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of School Administrators (2000) among other accolades. During the past three years, Joe has launched a new career for himself, authoring three books on school leadership.

1967 Henry E. Rzenieniewski, Esq. (B.A.) has been appointed Municipal Judge of the Municipal Court

of Hillsborough, N.J. He presently also sits in that capacity for the Borough of Manville and the Borough of South Bound Brook, N.J.

1969 Joseph J. Bonocore (B.S.) was recently elected to the Board of Trustees at the University of San Francisco (Jesuit University). He also has authored a new book published by John Wiley and Sons (N.Y.), *Commanding Communications—Navigating Emerging Trends in Telecommunications*.

Martin Washofsky (B.S.) is a Vice President for Key Landing Gear in Florida.

1972 Ronald P. Boyle (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., has been named Vice President of Finance at the Evergreens, Moorestown, N.J. The Evergreens is a non-profit continuing care retirement community.

Russell J. Frith (B.S.) of Jackson, N.J., is C.E.O. of Lawn Doctor, Inc. He

was inducted as Chairman of the International Franchise Association (I.F.A.) in February 2003. He accepted this position after serving as I.F.A.'s first Vice Chairman and Treasurer for seven years. **Elmer J. Shamwell** (B.A.) of Sicklerville, N.J., is currently employed at Aramark in



Ames, '56, Remembered On National TV

Robert Ames, '56, will always be a legend to fans of Explorers basketball, but he's also an American hero who made the ultimate sacrifice.

A member of La Salle's 1954 NCAA Championship basketball team, Ames became the CIA's top Middle East analyst and died in the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut.

On April 5, during the Men's NCAA basketball semifinals, CBS TV aired a special on the 20th anniversary of the Beirut bombing, and paid tribute to Ames during the special.

"...CBS deserves credit for its moving piece on Bob Ames," *Sports Illustrated* columnist Pete McEntegart wrote in April. "The producers wisely decided to use Ames' widow, Yvonne, as the poignant piece's lone narrator."

Ames, who was from Roxborough High School, was the Director for Near East and South Asia of the Directorate of Operations for the CIA.



John Bresnan (B.A. '50) was honored by the government of Indonesia on Jan. 8, 2003, at a ceremony in Jakarta and decorated with the Distinguished Service Star, the highest award for a civilian for contributions to education in Indonesia and to United States/Indonesian relations. He is only the third American to receive this honor in the 50 years since the country achieved its independence. Above, Madame Megawati Sukarnoputri, President of Indonesia, bestows the Distinguished Service Star on Bresnan.

Philadelphia, Pa. **Ronald Anthony Smith** (B.S.) of Chicago, Ill., is employed at the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

1973 Michael K. Keane, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Woodland Park, Colo., has recently

retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel and had his first text book on partial differential equations published by Prentice Hall. He currently works for AeroSpace Corp. as a Navigation, Orbital Mechanics, and Kalman Filters expert on the Global Positioning System (GPS).

1975 Edward J. Mesunas (B.A.) of Lafayette Hill, Pa., is Director of Advertising and Public Relations for Penn Fishing Tackle Manufacturing Co., and was recently re-appointed by the National Marine Fisheries Service to a second consecutive three-year term on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position, both as a lifelong avid angler and a fishing industry veteran with more than 27 years at Penn.



1976 William J. Benz, Esq. (B.A.) of Southampton, Pa., was honored by the Feasterville Business Association (F.B.A.) which named him "Man of the Year" for 2003. Bill was presented with the Man of the Year plaque in appreciation of his business and community leadership and his history of service to the community. He is a former Northampton Township Supervisor; a past president of the Feasterville Business Association; a Northampton Zoning Hearing Board Member; Chairman of the F.B.A. Blood Drive Committee for the American Red Cross; a Boy Scouts of America Summer Camp Adult Advisor; La Salle College High School Alumni Board of Directors Member; St. Cyril Parish Council Member; Capital Campaign Committee for St. Cyril's; basketball, baseball and soccer coach; and provider of pro-bono services to non-profit and charitable organizations.



J. Mark McLoone (B.A.) of Edmond, Okla., has recently begun his new role as Chief Administrative Officer for the

McGrail, '69, Gets the Picture

John McGrail, '69, had only one thing on his mind as he parachuted into thin air from Army aircraft: getting a good picture.

"I would take my camera with me on the jumps and as soon as my parachute was open and clear, I'd snap photos of the sky filled with green chutes," said McGrail, a former paratrooper platoon leader in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division. "The visual impact of a mass drop from a formation of aircraft was so fascinating to me."

An ROTC student throughout his four years at La Salle, McGrail was very interested in pursuing a career in the military after graduation. But when his two years of active duty were up, he decided to try his hand at professional photography instead.

"One thing I was constantly doing when I was in the service was taking pictures," he said. "Because I had an eye for image making, I thought I should give photography a try."

In 1976, McGrail graduated second in his class from the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, Calif., with a B.A. He and his wife Maureen immediately moved to New York City, where he worked as an assistant for a studio photographer who shot national product ads. Shortly thereafter, he broke into magazine photojournalism and shot assignments for *Time*, *Life*, *Discover*, *Fortune*, *Business Week*, and the *Smithsonian*.

One of his images, of the Brooklyn Bridge, was recently used in the Metropolitan Opera's production of "A View from the Bridge," based on the Arthur Miller play of the same title (see photograph above). It also appeared in Portland Opera and Lyric Opera productions.

Throughout his 27 years of experience, McGrail has specialized in aerial, historical, maritime/nautical, and panoramic photography. His images are in the permanent collections and wayside exhibits of several national parks, including Yellowstone, Shenandoah, and Gettysburg, on wall-sized murals at Philadelphia's Independence Seaport Museum, and in two large format books on Philadelphia.

His proudest accomplishment is the work he has done to represent the city where he grew up. "I have an extensive file of historic Philadelphia images that I get constant calls for. It is a place that I certainly treasure, and I think I've done a pretty good job of representing it to the world," said McGrail, a Bucks County resident.



Children's Hospital at Oklahoma University Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Okla. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and was recently presented with the ACHE's "Regent Award for the Most Innovative Program—2002."

Paul F. Zakulec (B.A., M.B.A. '87) of Bensalem, Pa., is the Risk Manager of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

1977 Gary Robert Sigman (B.S.) was recently appointed C.E.O. of BDG Executive Search, Inc., a newly formed company affiliated with Benefits Design Group, Inc. Gary and his wife, Dianne, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in

June 2002, have two children.

1978 Lawrence White (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is now Director of Actuarial Services for AmeriHealth Casualty Insurance Company and CompServices, Inc., subsidiaries of Independence Blue Cross. Larry is also a presenter at the annual Casualty Loss Reserve Seminar.

1979 Dan Polsenberg, Esq. (B.A.) was recently elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Academy membership is open only to those recognized as distin-



guished appellate lawyers. Polsenberg is the only Nevadan ever so honored. Head of the special litigation unit at Beckley Singleton, Chtd., Dan has also served as president of the State Bar of Nevada and of the Clark County Bar Association.

Donald Rongione (B.S.) of Mohnton, Pa., is now President and C.E.O. of Bollman Hat Company. Bollman was founded in 1868 and has 1,200 employees on three continents.

1980 Dorothy A. Richs (B.S.) of Fort Washington, Pa., has been appointed Vice President for Ambulatory (out-patient) Care Services at Fox

Chase Cancer Center. In her new role, she will oversee re-engineering efforts associated with the implementation of new, hospital-wide information systems. Over the next few years, she will work with the hospital's system implementation teams to design and establish more efficient and effective processes to support Fox Chase Cancer Center's patients and staff members. She retains administrative responsibility for operations within the Center's ambulatory care, radiation oncology, diagnostic imaging and pathology departments. She joined Fox Chase as assistant controller 18 years ago after working as a certified public accountant in a large, international public accounting firm.



1981 Walter Kowal (M.B.A.) of Fairfax Station, Va., recently completed an 8-month Brookings Institute Congressional Fellowship on Capitol Hill. He served as a Fellow and Legislative Assistant for Rep. Sue Myrick (R-N.C.) and was responsible for all Foreign Affairs, Defense, Veterans, Homeland Security and Environmental Issues.

1982 Kenneth H. Ryesky (M.B.A.) of East Northport, N.Y., has published "From Pens to Pixels: Text-Media Issues in Promulgating, Archiving and Using Judicial Opinions" in the *Journal of Appellate Practice and Process*.

Nicholas J. Vaccarino (B.S., M.S. '89) of Philadelphia, Pa., has recently been promoted to the position of Director, Sales and Marketing at PGW.

1983 Joseph F. Conners (B.S.) of Erdenheim, Pa., has been promoted to Executive Vice President of Beneficial Savings Bank. He will continue to serve as Chief Financial Officer. Active in many non-profit organizations, Conners serves on the Board of La Salle Academy and the Board of Philadelphia Young Playwrights. He is also a member of the Financial Managers Society and Financial Executives Int.



Helene Nawrocki (B.S.N., M.S.N. '89) was a keynote speaker at the Northwest Pennsylvania Cancer Survivors Conference in Titusville, Pa., April 2002. **David Schmotzer Sr.** (B.A.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., recently joined Main Line Health System as Director of Finance and Budget. Dave is married to **Michelle Dobbins Schmotzer** (B.S.).

1984 Rosemarie Harter (B.S.N.) is now living in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Rob Whitman (B.S.) was recently hired by Innovative Print and Media Group as Vice President of Sales and Marketing. The multi-service marketing communications company is based in Collegeville, Pa. Rob lives with his wife, Tina, and two children in Collegeville. He coaches soccer and baseball.

1985 Richard J. Heid, Ph.D. (B.A., M.A. '94) became a Licensed Psychologist in New Jersey and is in private practice in E. Windsor and Freehold, N.J. **Donna Laino** (B.S.N., M.S.N. '90) has been asked to be a contributing writer for on-line *Champion Magazine*. She is also a "Success Coach" and has become a junior coach with "LifeForce Coaching." Donna was a speaker at an educational conference (sponsored by Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, Health and Welfare Fund) on Feb. 22, 2003.

1986 Gregg Melinson, Esq. (B.A.) has been elected Chairman of the Board of the Pennsylvania Economy

League Eastern Division, a non-profit economic development and public policy organization. He is a partner at the Philadelphia-based law firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath, L.L.P. The 38-year-old becomes the youngest Chair in the Economy League's 70-year history.

1987 Robert (Young Chul) Hyun, M.D. (B.A.) has recently taken a position as anesthesiologist at Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va.

1988 Judith Cohen (B.S.N.) has earned an M.S.N. in Administration from Florida Atlantic University.

Blanche Kammer (B.S.N.) is living in the San Francisco Bay area.

Aaron J. Poller, R.N. (B.S.N.) of Winston-Salem, N.C., is employed at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in the field of chronic mental illness/adult psychiatry.

Eileen Warner Strulson, Esq. (B.S.N.) has joined the defense litigation law firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in their

Nolte, '70, Fights against Terrorism

After completing a doctorate in British history in 1976, **Bill Nolte, '70**, said college teaching jobs were scarce, so he took a test to work for The National Security Agency (NSA), thinking he'd stay there a few years.

While he never found the right teaching job, he's now Deputy Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Analysis at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

"The United States government has more than a dozen foreign intelligence agencies, and my office's task is to coordinate the analytic programs of those agencies," said Nolte, who is on loan from the NSA to the CIA.

"What we do is classified, but if you read the papers, you can get a feel for what we're doing, focusing on issues like terrorism, unstable countries, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," he says. "What's happening in the news is going to keep us busy for some time."

A history major at La Salle, Nolte said, "Teachers like **John Rossi, '58**, and **John Lukacs** made history entertaining as well as challenging."

He and his daughter, **Christine, '96**, were instrumental in starting the new La Salle alumni chapter in Washington, D.C. Nolte is Vice President for the chapter.



La Salle President Br. Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70 (left) with Bill Nolte, '70, at a Washington, D.C., memorial service for Robert Ames, '56, a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) employee killed in 1983.



Bill McShain, '62, Part of In-Air World Record

Skydivers Over Sixty (SOS) set a world record over Lake Elsinore, Calif., on Sept. 14, 2002. **Bill McShain (B.A. '62)** was a member of that group. Twenty-eight skydivers age 60 and older jumped from two Twin Otter airplanes at 14,000 feet and flew together in the formation above, beating the previous record of 26. To set a U.S. Parachute Association record, all participants must take exact pre-planned positions and grips, and hold the formation for at least three seconds. Bill jumped a handful of times in his early 20s, but he re-entered the sport in 1989, and has now logged over 1,600 jumps. After a 33-year career in labor relations, mostly with General Electric, Bill retired and has embarked on a second career as an assistant professor of business at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn.

Cherry Hill, N.J., office as an associate. She will concentrate her entire practice in defending medical malpractice litigation. She is licensed to practice in the state of New Jersey and before the United States Supreme Court and is a member of the Camden County Bar Association, where she serves as a Medico-Legal Liaison.

1989 Hedy Cohen, R.N. (B.S.N.), Vice President of the Institute for Safe Medication Practices, published two articles: with Michelle Mandrack: (2002) "Application of the 80/20 rule in safeguarding the uses of high-alert medications," *Critical Care Nursing Clinics of North America*, and with Jeanne Peterson: (2002)

"Medical disclosure: Beyond the legal issues," *Journal of Legal Nurse Consultants*.

Joseph Hays (B.S.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., has been in the Financial Services Industry since graduation and was appointed Managing Director at ABN AMRO Asset Management in 2002.

Pamela Kedziera, R.N., M.S.N., AOCN (B.S.N.) received the 2001 Oncology Nursing Society Excellence in Pain Management Award.

Dr. Craig J. N. Paulo (B.A.) in October of 2002, was conferred with the Knighthood of Magistral Grace, Sovereign Military Order of Malta, by his Most Eminent Highness, Frâ Andrew Bertie, the Prince and Grand Master, in the name of the Pope. He was

invested into the Order on Jan. 17, 2003, by His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan, the Archbishop of New York.

Darrin Suder (B.S.) of Schwenksville, Pa., is currently working as Sales Manager for Focal Communications in Norristown, Pa.

1990 Barbara Pope, R.N., M.S.N., CCRN (B.S.N.) was published in *RN* for her article, "When a Patient in Stepdown Goes Bad." Barbara was also the focus of an article in the *Doylestown Record* for career success as a nurse and teacher.

1991 Sean T. Bryan, M.D., FAAFP (B.A.) of Albany, Ga., has developed and serves as Director of the Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship at the Southwest Georgia Family Practice Residency Program.

John Gallagher, R.N. (B.S.N., M.S.N. '99) is now certified as an acute care clinical nurse specialist.

Eugene J. Halus Jr. (B.A.) of Souderton, Pa., recently earned his doctorate in political science from the Catholic University of America. He examined changes in Euro-American ethnic neighborhoods in Philadelphia from 1950 to 1995, and used La Salle's Archives for part of his research. He also delivered a paper on "Globalization and Ethnicity" at Catholic University's Council for Research in Values and Philosophy's International Conference.

Theresa Rucci-Gambol (B.S.N.) was awarded an M.S.N. degree from Villanova University during the 2000-2001 academic year.

Linda Sterling-Degnan (B.S.N.) of Berwyn, Pa., is a Life Empowerment Coach and Holistic Health Facilitator in private practice at Healthbridge Wellness Center in Paoli, Pa.

1992 Andrea Sheplock Borton (B.S.) of Portage, Mich., has been promoted to Director of E-Marketing at Kellogg Sales Company.

Rita A. Jablonski, R.N. (M.S.N.) received a John A. Hartford Geriatric Nursing Scholarship and is a doctoral student at the University of Virginia. Rita also received a predoctoral fellowship.

Joseph A. Piccolo (M.B.A.) of Glenside, Pa., has been named Vice President for Health Services at Fox Chase Cancer



Center. He also retains his role as the Center's Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer. In his current position, he oversees Health Services of Fox Chase Cancer Center, the Center's physician group practice. A member of the Medical Group Management Association and the Healthcare Financial Management Association, Joseph serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of the Association of Cancer Executives*, where he also maintains a membership. He has authored several articles on compliance, HIPAA, and physician practice management and has lectured nationally on these topics.

R. Ben Weber (B.A.) of Leesburg, Va., has been named President of Master Media Group, Inc. (MMG). Since 1992, MMG has provided top quality public relations and marketing material throughout the East Coast.

1993 Bernadette Hennegan-McDermott (B.S., M.B.A. '99) of Langhorne, Pa., was promoted to Director of Human Resources in April 2002 at HCI Direct.

Carolyn Jacobson, R.N. (M.S.N.) was recently published in *Nursing Spectrum* for her article about PM Care.

1994 John Canning (B.S.) of Limerick, Pa., has been named a principal at Turner Investment Partners, an investment-management firm. He is currently Assistant Director of Mutual Fund Administration and Operations. He joined the firm in 2000.

1995 Dennis Forte (B.A.) of Gloucester County, N.J., has joined The Gelber Organization as the National Director of Client Development.



His responsibilities include managing, client development, presenting alternative tax strategies, and coordinating tax seminars. He is a member of the Institute of Professionals in Taxation (IPT), and is certified by the Kellogg School of Management of Northwestern University in their Sales Force Performance Program.

Paul Langan (B.A.) of Voorhees, N.J., received an M.S.Ed. from the University of Pennsylvania in 2001. He is Associate Editor and Writer at Townsend Press.

Jennifer McHugh-Barker, M.D. (B.A.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., is a pediatrician in practice at Cherry Hill Pediatric Group after completing her residency at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

1996 Eliza Comodromos-Langan (B.A.) of Voorhees, N.J., received an M.A. in English from Rutgers University in 1999.

Karin Gahwiler Kelly (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., received an M.B.A. with a concentration in Finance from St. Joseph's University in May 2002.

Elizabeth Jean Miller Schaller (B.S.N.) earned her M.S.N. from the College of Nursing, Villanova University in December 2001.

Ann Schrage (B.S.) of Roslyn, Pa., has created a board game of U.S. Military Trivia called *Mindfield*, which was available for sale starting in February.

1997 Molly Lonergan (B.S.) of East Boston, Mass., is a Special Education Teacher at Revere Public Schools.

Cindy Nunan, R.N., CRNP (B.S.N., M.S.N. '00) took a position in California working with the Hoopa Indians at the K'ima:aw Medical Center.

1998 Renee A. Cooper, C.P.A. (B.S.) of Philadelphia,



The Kernysky family recently gathered to celebrate their parents' 25th wedding anniversary. Pictured with Stephanie and Bohdan "Dan" Kernysky (B.S. '68) are children Stephen (front); (back, from left) Dorian, who has just graduated from La Salle College High School; Anna (B.A. '03); and Andrew (B.A. '01), who is working toward his Ph.D. in biophysical chemistry at Columbia University. Dan is a Senior Scientific Information Specialist with Thomson-ISI in Philadelphia, and Stephanie is a fashion designer.

Pa., obtained an M.B.A. and Master's of Science in Taxation from Philadelphia University.

Erin Giordann (M.B.A.) won a Bronze Anvil in 1995 for an annual report she developed for Children's Seashore House, now part of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

1999 Angela Dodds Conde (B.A.) of Pine Hill, N.J., is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in microbiology at Thomas Jefferson University.

Jesse Cute (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., has been promoted to Public Relations Manager at WB 17 TV.

Matthew E. Keane (M.Ed.) has concluded a two-and-a-half-year tour in the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem. Matthew was assigned to a two-year tour at the U.S. Consulate General in Dubai effective March 2003.

Mark Schugsta (B.A.) is an on-line event manager for EzEvent Web site.

Constance H. Sumner (M.S.N.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is currently the new Community Outreach Program at Fox Chase Cancer Center and also a new Board Member of the Philadelphia Black Women's Health Project.

2000 Rita Saponara Fernandes (B.S.N.) passed and was ranked number one on the School District of Philadelphia School Nurse examination.

Jason Y. Hill (B.S., M.B.A. '03) of Flourtown, Pa., received an M.B.A. in Finance from La Salle University at the May 2003 ceremony.

Kimberly Kessler, R.N. (B.S.N.) was well received as a speaker at the Ferko Playground preschool. A number of letters were received thanking the La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center for Kimberly's warm and caring manner while educating the children about safety and health.

Tracy Lee Mann (B.A.) has received an M.A. in Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Delaware.

Arjun Mody (B.A.) graduated from Arizona State University College of Law with a J.D. degree this past December and will begin an L.L.M. Program on Law and Government at American University Washington College of Law this summer.

Henry F. Rzemieniewski (B.A.) is the Assistant Operations Manager at New

Jersey Sports and Exposition Center (Giants Stadium). **Alexander John Siomko, R.N., CRNP (M.S.N.)** published an article about the transformation from R.N. to nurse practitioner in the Greater Philadelphia edition of *Advance for Nurses*.

2001 Erin M. Finn (M.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., has been named Dean of Enrollment Management for Harcum College. She will be responsible for overseeing admission to the array of career preparation programs available at the college. She comes to Harcum College from the Orleans Technical Institute in Philadelphia where, since 1997, she has held a number of admissions and management positions. Most recently she served as School Director there. While serving as Director of Admissions at Orleans, enrollment increased in one year by nearly 20 percent.

Janice Gross, R.N. (M.S.N./M.B.A.) is working at Chestnut Hill Hospital. She is the Director of Critical Care and Interventional Cardiology. **Elsie Hartigan, R.N. (B.S.N.)** completed her M.S.N. degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

Steve Waltrich (M.B.A.) of Hatboro, Pa., has been named a principal at Turner Investment Partners, an investment-management firm. He is currently Operations Manager, Institutional Accounts. He joined the firm in 1999.

Sherri White, R.N. (B.S.N.) spent time in Mozambique, Africa, caring for sick orphans. Sherri was at a children's center and worked with wound clinics, malaria testing, scabies treatments, and other challenges. White stated in an e-mailed message, "I just thank God for opening my eyes to the need there." Sherri is employed by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.



Nancy Haig (B.A. '99) and John Wisniewski (B.S. '99) were married on Oct. 19, 2002, in Chestnut Hill, Pa. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii on a two-week cruise ending with a stop in Disneyland, Calif. Nancy is currently a seventh grade special education teacher in the New Hope-Solebury School District, and she recently completed her Master's degree as a reading specialist from St. Joseph's University. John is currently working for Freed Maxick ABL Services as a senior auditor. The couple resides in Bensalem, Pa. Many La Salle alumni were present at their wedding. (Back row, from left) Francis McGrath (B.S. '82), Cheryl Haig (B.A. '02), Dana Guerrina (B.A. '05), Kelly (Martin) Stefanik (B.S. '00), Dennis Harris (B.A. '99), Laura McDonald (former staff-La Salle's University Ministry & Service), Nancy Haig, John Wisniewski, Sharon Badolato (B.A. '99), Ed Chiosso (B.S. '98), Mike Tomolonis (B.A. '99), Mike Creedon (B.A. '98), and Trey Ulrich (B.S. '99, M.B.A. '02). (Kneeling, from left) Laurie (Citina) Wisniewski (B.A. '90), Charlotte O'Brien (B.A. '99), Quiana Smith (B.S. '99), Erick Hyde (B.A. '02), and Mark Manzo (B.A. '98). (Sitting, from left) Meaghan Cruz (B.A. '01) and Nick Marmarou (B.A. '01).

2002 Peter Laub (B.A.) is starting a newspaper in Falls Church, Va. He is in the D.C. Metro region working on expanding a local paper into the *Washington Post's* most viable competitor.

Grant Lodes (B.A.) is working for NBC in Charlottesville, N.C.

Jamie Long (B.A.) moved to Pennsylvania from Baltimore, Md., in the beginning of the year as the first Youth Minister at the Church of Saint Monica, Berwyn, Pa.

Kate Loughery (B.S.) received a prestigious scholarship from the American Dietetics Association for her internship.

Sandra Scrofani, R.N., CPHQ (M.S.N./M.B.A.) was appointed Administrative Director of Nursing at Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point, N.J. She was accepted as a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and received a

scholarship from Theta Sigma Tau.

Births

1987 A son, Jared Charles, to Lisa Witims-Squires and Jonathan Squires, D.O. (B.A.)

1989 A daughter, Alessandra Rose, to Ty Bennion and Andrea Bonaciorsi (B.S.); a son, David Paul Jr., to Susanne and David P. Horrell (B.A.)

1991 A son, John William, to John Andrews and Kristen (Kear) Andrews (B.A.)

1992 A daughter, Lauren Marie, to Colleen and Garry Bily (B.A.); a son, Carter James, to Shawn and Andrea (Sheplock) Borton (B.S.); a son, Gavin Christopher, to Kristen and Drew Hohen (B.A.); a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to Thomas

McDermott (B.S.) and Bernadette Hennegan-McDermott (B.S. '93, M.B.A. '99); a son, Mason Barrett, to Christian Wood (B.S.) and Laura (Tebol) Wood (B.A. '93)

1993 A daughter, Grace Kathleen, to John and Kathleen (McCann) Del Pizzo (B.A.); a son, Austin Cole, to Jeff and Dawn (Jaffee) Geller (B.A.)

1994 A son, George, to George Fassnacht (B.A.) and Jennett (Feldmayer) Fassnacht (B.A.)

1995 A daughter, Samantha, to Jeffrey and Christine (Colosimo) Linso (B.A., M.A. '01)

1999 A daughter, Grace Riley, to Bob and Kerrie (Payne) Killea (B.A.)

Marriages

1979 Marjorie Lynn (Fougeray) Mandia (B.S.) to Bud Childs.

1995 Jennifer McHugh-Barker, M.D. (B.A.) to Bruce Barker; Paul Langan (B.A.) to Eliza Comodromos-Langan (B.A. '96).

1996 Karin Gahwiler (B.S.) to Thomas C. Kelly.

1997 Molly Lonergan (B.S.) to Michael Byrne.

1999 Angela Dodds (B.A.) to John Conde.

2000 Jaclyn Bernard (B.A.) to Anthony Carugno.

In Memoriam

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1939 John M. Spann

1940 Nicholas F. Pensiero

1941 Joseph M. Walsh

1942 Joseph P. Mohr Sr.

1948 Thomas E. Murray, D.O.

1949 Robert B. O'Connor

1951 John P. Lee
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James T. Sullivan Jr.

1953 John P. Janowski
Robert F. Stout

1954 John G. Carnila
Dominic Mandia

1955 Kenneth E. Herrman
Lawrence J. Yearly

1956 Thomas J. Lynch
Norbert W. Wein Jr.

1958 Paul Freemer

1959 William J. Whelan

1960 Robert John Lennox

1962 James F. Mallin

1963 Joseph M. Quinn

1964 Peter J. Kiernan
Joseph J. Sikora

1966 Patrick W. McKenna

1968 George R. Stankovis
Leonard R. Chominski

1969 Thomas C. Faris

1970 Dave Haberbusch



(From left) Orest Mykhylyuk, '03, Marko Mykhylyuk (8 months old), and Olga Mykhylyuk, '03, at graduation. Mom and Dad earned Master's degrees in Central and Eastern European Studies. Marko's cap and gown were made by his grandmother.

1972 Michael M. Bender
Lawrence L. Goldner

1973 Stephen Gary Fantine
John E. Kilroy

1975 Daniel G. Fricker

1977 Edward W. Graham
Donald F. Thackray

1979 James A. Murphy

1984 Joseph R. Guerrini
(M.B.A. '85)

1989 Raymond J. de Groot

1991 Richard Zinsmeister

1996 Caterina (Cathy)
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Ivory Coast
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- La Salle University's chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honors society, was recognized as one of the top five chapters among 389 AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accredited collegiate chapters for the third year in a row. AACSB International accredited institutions bestow more than 50 percent of the business degrees granted annually in the U.S.



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